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SUBJECT: VISIT OF DESIGNATED DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF,
SULTAN'S ARMED FORCES

REFERENCE: MUSCAT 1000

1. DEPARTMENT AND DOD WOULD BE PLEASED TO COLLABORATE
IN PREPARING APPROPRIATE PROGRAM FOR LT. COL. AL-GHAZALI.
FROM STANDPOINT OF NEA/ARP, ONLY DIFFICULT PERIOD FOR
AL-GHAZALI'S WASHINGTON STOPOVER WOULD BE SEPT. 6-10.

2. IN INTEREST OF MAKING OFFICIAL PROGRAM AS USEFUL AND
EFFICIENT AS POSSIBLE, DOD WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING GENERAL
IDEA OF VISITOR'S PLANS FOR REMAINDER OF TWO WEEKS IN US.
TENTATIVELY, IT SUGGESTS VISITS TO PENTAGON, FORT BRAGG,
FORT MONROE, VA., (FOR STUDY OF MILITARY ORGANIZATION
MATTERS), TACTICAL AIR COMMAND AT LANGLEY, AND PATUXENT
RIVER NAVAL AIR STATION (NEAREST P-3 SQUADRON BASE).

3. DOD AND WE DOUBT THAT PROPOSED TRIP TO CAPE CANAVERAL
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IS RELEVANT ENOUGH TO US INTERESTS TO MERIT INVESTMENT OF

TIME AND FUNDS THAT EVEN "SCHEDULED" MILITARY FLIGHT
WOULD REQUIRE. DOD IS WILLING, HOWEVER, TO ARRANGE PROGRAM
THERE IF AL-GHAZALI WISHES TO TRAVEL COMMERCIALY.

4. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP AL-GHAZALI'S ETA AND REACTIONS TO
FOREGOING POINTS SO THAT PROGRAMMING CAN BEGIN WITHOUT
DELAY. ALSO WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S VIEWS REGARDING
DESIRABILITY OF VISIT TO P-3 SQUADRON AND TO CAPE
CANAVERAL. ROBINSON

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